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In re Application of Denise Faustman

: WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Serial No.: 08/925,627 Filed: September 9, 1997

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This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed May 24, 2000, by facsimile, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the filing of a timely response.

The file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicant on May 17, 1999, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response. Applicants responded on November 17, 1999 (Certificate of Mailing date), including a response to the Office action and a request and fee for a three month extension of time. The Office acknowledged receipt of the papers by a date stamped return postcard dated November 19, 1999. Subsequent to receipt the Office failed to correlate the papers with the file and the application was held as abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed December 16, 1999. It is clear that this Notice was mailed in error and is hereby rescinded.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**. The application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision and will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600/2900, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-7922.

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